GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN COLLIERY AREA
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the works undertaken by the Government for conservation of forests and protection of environment and development of roads etc. in colliery areas of West Bengal during the years, 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(b) the physical targets and achievements during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Environmental protection activities related to the coal mines of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) are carried out in West Bengal by Eastern Coalfields Limited as per the provision in the approved Environment Management Plan / Environment Impact Assessment. These activities include:-

1) Monitoring of air and water quality
2) Monitoring of noise level to keep it under permissible Decibel level.
3) Dust suppression by water spraying and other conventional methods.
4) Afforestation − During 2005-06 and 2006-07, 1.29 lakh and 0.87 lakh saplings were planted against a target of 2 lakh and 1 lakh respectively.
5) Road development − Major works that have been taken up during 2005-06 and 2006-07 are indicated below:-

2005-06 :- i. Road railway siding to G.T. road via BOCP workship more (Rs.67.39 lakhs).
ii. Road from Kajora - Bahula DB Road (Rs.48.78 lakhs)
iii. Upgradation and improvement of road from Bahula more upto GT road via Real Kajora (Rs.141.00 lakhs)

2006-07 :- i. Road from railway level "X" ing at Parasea to Suri road (Rs.90.00 lakhs).
ii. Road from Niyamatypur to Disergarh Ghat (Rs.486.00 lakhs)